

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application, with all claims having been amended herein. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, and specifically on pages 18 and 19.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Holroyd et al. (5,781,435).

Independent claim 1 recites in part as follows:

editing mode selecting means for selecting a linear or non-linear editing mode; wherein said recording and reproducing means operate in a bound state;

It is respectfully submitted that Holroyd as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter, merely "Holroyd") does not disclose the above-identified features of amended claim 1. That is,

Holroyd does not disclose an editing mode selecting means. Further, Holroyd does not disclose an A/V server wherein "recording and reproducing means operate in a bound state."

Accordingly, amended independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Holroyd.

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claims 8 and 9 are believed to be distinguishable from Holroyd.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

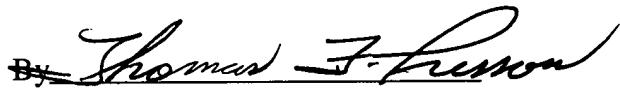
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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